

President's Report March 16, 2022

Dr. Chong emailed to say that he is away on a PRT visit and can't be with us today.

AB705 concerns. President-Elect Persons, who serves on the statewide Senate's Resolutions Committee, has shared that there are several resolution drafts on AB705. I encourage you to review those and share your thoughts.

Senator Elections. Re-elected Senators include Mark Anderman, Laura Aspinall, Jessica Bush, Anne Donegan, and Sarah Whyllly. Smita Avasthi (LIR, Area 6) is rejoining us after a hiatus, and Gregory Morre (Math, Area 9) will be joining the Senate for the first time.

To fill the six remaining seats, we will be holding an at-large election. The call for nominations will go out to all contract faculty members on Monday, March 28, and nomination forms, candidate statements, and photos are due on Monday, April 11. There will be one week of balloting. Please encourage your colleagues to run for a seat!

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Student Information System (SIS) Vendor Demonstrations. Please see [this page](#) for all things ERP / SIS: timeline for the overall procurement process, vendor demo schedule, zoom links for all demo sessions, demonstration scripts, and feedback links. Session recordings will also be posted to this page.

The vendor Ellucian will be presenting during the week of March 28, and the vendor Anthology will present during the week of April 11. Demos are scheduled every day of these two weeks, with separate sessions for different functions.

Additionally, on April 19 and 20, both vendors will return (virtually) to provide demos on functions related to Institutional Research and IT: Anthology is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, and Ellucian is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20.

Faculty forum on VPAA—about 25 to 30 people in attendance, a lot of good contributions, great discussion about what we hope for in our next VPAA, thanks to all who attended, and thanks to Alice Hampton, Luz Navarrette Garcia, Brenda Flyswithhawks, Tara Jacobson, Sean Martin, and Kat Valenzuela for organizing and note-taking. Special thanks to Kat for moderating the forum, and to Nancy Persons and Luz Navarrette Garcia for serving on the search committee and being present to hear from the faculty. We plan to hold two more forums—one for the faculty to prepare for the finalist forums and another to discuss the finalist forums. Please watch for those announcement and join as you are able.

Teaching Fellows Program: the application process is now open! Please announce this wonderful opportunity to your students. Also, it makes a world of difference if you reach out to students who you would like to work with. Many past teaching fellows say that they've long had an interest in pursuing a career in education but that being asked by a professor gave them the confidence to put their name forward. For more information, please see the [Teaching Fellows Program website](#).

AFA has reached out to Exec to initiate a conversation about how our faculty union and Academic Senate can work together going forward—to build relationships and also to discuss

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ideas for a clear, understood process for how the union consults with the Senate on bargaining subjects where that needs to happen.

College Council's governance redesign work continues apace. We have two retreats scheduled for early April. College Council has agreed that the review and revision of the District Online Committee needs to be prioritized, so we have initiated that work. Dr. Jane and I met with DOC last fall and again last week, to talk with them in person about their ideas and needs and to also share that College Council will be addressing this expeditiously.

The Faculty Equivalency Committee has so far received a total of nine equivalency applications to review, and we continue to address process issues that come up so that we are serving departments, being consistent in implementing our process, and identifying ways of making our process more workable.

Educational Planning and Coordinating Council. At its March 10 meeting, EPCC reviewed proposals for new majors and certificates and also had a brief introduction to a piece of work that we'll be taking on. We will be reviewing a list of policies and procedures that, with a wide cast of the net, appear to be relevant to the 10 + 1. We'll review the list and recommend to the Senate those policies and procedures that we think should be reviewed by EPCC and forwarded to the Senate. This will help to define the scope of EPCC's work, create multi-year work calendars, and clarify the review process so that EPCC is forwarding recommendations to the Senate, thereby supporting and not usurping the Senate's appropriate role.

Strategic Enrollment Management workgroup and committee. The Planning and Budget Council is creating a strategic enrollment workgroup with a narrow charge, and at College Council we will also be discussing the desire to create a standing committee that will do strategic enrollment work. There is a question of whether we are ultimately talking about two groups—a Planning & Budget Council workgroup plus a standing committee or whether we can get the standing committee in place quickly enough to take on the narrow charge approved by Planning & Budget. We are working out the details, and as the Senate will have seats on either the workgroup or standing committee or both, interested faculty members will be invited to put their names forward.

There's a lot going on—too much to report on. If there is more that you want to know, I welcome your questions and also suggestions for what you'd like to hear about in a future report. I am also available to senators during my Senate office hour and also by appointment if you can't make my office hour.

I hope that you all have a wonderful spring break.